Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	2000-2001		2001-2002	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount
20.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	—	—	—	—
21.	Punjab National Bank	471	317	524	273
22.	Punjab and Sind Bank	—	—	—	—
23.	Syndicate Bank	2367	793.76	184	52.1
24.	Union Bank of India	7439	1824.78	5307	1262.28
25.	United Bank of India	—	—	—	—
26.	UCO Bank	650	200.83	461	100.13
27.	Vijaya Bank	204	30.34	49	17.41
	TOTAL	124795	35967.43	85056	21563.93

LPG dealership in North Bengal

*386. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allotments of LPG dealership in North Bengal towns like Falakata and Mathabhanga were done by the Oil Selection Board in an arbitrary manner;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unemployed women graduates belonging to SC community were not considered for allotment and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether firm allotments have since been made for LPG dealership in Falakata and Mathabhanga and if not, by when the same is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The Government have issued guidelines to provide for transparent, uniform and fair procedure for selection of suitable candidates as retail outlet dealers, LPG distributors and SKO-LDO dealers. These guidelines, *inter alia*, include eligibility criteria, reservation for different categories, procedure for invitation of applications, norms for evaluation of candidates, time-frame for selection, the Grievance Redressal System, etc. The action with regard to complaints received against the empanelled candidates and the selection process is taken as per the Grievance Redressal System laid down in the guidelines.

The guidelines for selection provide for 25% reservation for

Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for dealerships/distributorships. The guidelines also provide for 33% reservation for women in each category including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

One Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for a LPG distributorship on 10.8.2001 in Falakata and one LOI has been issued by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for LPG distributorship on 25.7.2001 in Mathabhanga in West Bengal.

"Jal Bhagirathi" Convention

*387. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 2-day "Jal Bhagirathi" Convention was held recently at Pushkar where some ambassadors/representatives of foreign embassies, UN bodies as well as funding organisations like the UNDP and others participated to study the problem of depletion of water levels and degradation of nature;

(b) if so, the details of the host and various organisations represented at the Convention and the discussions held, especially the observations made by foreign representatives; and

(c) the action plan drawn up, if any, for conservation of water, extent of foreign participation and flow of external funds therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to information collected by the Central Ground Water Board, a two day convention was held on 24th and 25th November, 2001 at Pushkar. A list of invitees who attended the convention is enclosed in the Statement (*See* below). This Convention was called by Shri Gaj Singh of Jodhpur. Tarun Bharat Sangh, a Non-Governmental Organisation was also stated to be associated with this Convention.

The Convention is stated to have decided to launch water harvesting programme in Marwar region of Rajasthan and also to have programmes of pasture land development and water harvesting